Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 07 May 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 08 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 07 May 2021 at 03:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a showery day on Friday and for a change to windier, wetter conditions on Saturday. The main uncertainty relates to shower distribution from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 07 May 2021: Sunshine and snow showers. Feeling very cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 07 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Hail showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	30%	40%	30%	20%

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Weather: Dry through much of the morning with clear spells and early sunshine. Showers will develop from late morning across all ranges and some may turn heavy and the odd rumble of thunder is possible. Showers falling as a mixture of rain and hail to low levels and snow above around 600m. Skies clearing through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% falling to 40% through afternoon.

Visibility: Some areas of cloud above 500-700m will linger through morning and become more extensive through the day as showers develop. Snow will reduce visibility to a few hundred metres at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/22 NW	13/17 NW	10/14 NW	10/14 NW	8/12 NW	6/8 NE	7/10 SE
900	12/14 W	10/13 W	9/13 W	9/13 W	6/9 NW	5/7 NE	7/9 SE
600	7/9 W	7/10 W	8/12 W	8/14 W	6/9 W	4/6 NE	4/5 NE
300	1/6 SW	5/11 W	7/14 W	7/14 NW	5/9 NW	3/4 NE	2/4 SE
Glen	4/12 NW	6/14 NW	6/14 W	7/15 NW	4/10 NW	2/4 NW	1/3 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-13	-5/-12	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-9	-5/-9	-6/-11
900	-2/-8	-2/-7	-1/-5	-0/-5	-1/-4	-2/-4	-3/-7
600	0/-4	1/-3	2/-1	2/-1	2/-0	1/-2	0/-2
300	1/-0	4/2	6/3	6/3	5/3	2/1	1/-0
Glen	1/-1	4/1	6/4	6/4	6/5	4/2	1/1
Freezing Level*	400m	500m	600m	600m	700m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Ice and fresh snow will make for slippery conditions, especially early and late. Low risk of afternoon thunderstorms.

Forecast for Saturday 08 May 2021

Weather: A day of contrasting conditions as a cold, frosty and largely dry morning gives way to strengthening easterly winds, thick cloud and periods of mainly light rain and snow. This rain will arrive across Loch Rannoch from late morning, falling as snow above 400m initially, spreading to all ranges by early afternoon. The snow level will gradually rise with rain across all but highest levels after dark. Monadhliath will see the most shelter.

Maximum wind: Easterly 15-20mph increasing 25-35 gusting up to 50mph. 40-50mph gusting 65mph across the Cairngorm Plateau.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% falling to 10%.

Visibility: Very little low level cloud through morning but cloud will become persistent above 500-700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0-3C rising to 6-8C.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 C.
Freezing level: 400m rising 1000m.

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